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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert F. Balint, et al.

Application No.: 09/526,106

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Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time in the telephonic interview of October 6, 2003. In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.